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Statement

Trend of Marine Fish Production along the west coast

(In '000 tonnes)

Sl.No.	Name of State/UT	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
1	Gujarat	609.14	584.78	663.88
2	Maharashtra	420.01	417.77	445.34
3	Goa	83.76	94.81	100.91
4	Daman & Diu	13.77	12.51	17.72
5	Karnataka	187.00	171.23	176.97
6	Kerala	608.52	601.86	558.91
7	Lakshadweep	10.03	11.96	11.96
TOTAL :		1932.23	1894.92	1975.69

Retaining of ICAR Research Centre at Kannara, Kerala

3203. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the basis on which Government had proposed in 2001 through ICAR that its Research Centre at Kannara in Kerala would be phased out;

(b) whether there were requests from many quarters, including from the State Government that this Centre should be retained and allowed to function better; and

(c) what is the status of this Centre today and what is the response to the requests for the Centre to be retained in Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) The Research Centre at Kannara in Kerala was phased out on the basis of the recommendation of the Committee on Review of Regional Research Centres of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) Institutions constituted by the Council to review the function and relevance of the Regional Stations. The Committee recommended to

phase out several Regional Stations of ICAR Institutions including the Regional Station at Kannara in Kerala, considering its relevance, since similar research work is being carried out at Central Plantation Crops Research Institute (CPCRI) Regional Stations located at Kayamkulam in Kerala and Vittal in Karnataka.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Government of Kerala requested for review of this decision.

(c) the matter was re-examined by the competent authority and after taking into account all facts into consideration it was decided to phase out the Centre.

Rural Indebtedness

3204. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:
SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the dimension and prevalence of rural indebtedness in India/States;
- (b) the total number of suicides committed by farmers due to indebtedness, during the last ten years/till date, State-wise and year-wise;
- (c) the corrective measures taken by Government in this regard;
- (d) whether the National Commission on Farmers has made by recommendations in this context; and
- (e) if so, the follow up action taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) As per the National Sample Survey Organization Report No. 498 on Indebtedness of Farmer Households, 48.6 percent of households were reported to be indebted at All India Level. State-wise details are given in Statement I (See below).

(b) State-wise and year-wise information on number of suicide by farmers as received from the respective State Government are at Statement-II (See below). indebtedness has been reported as one of the major reason for suicide by farmers.